

From Bouchier to Vallouise

Parc national des Ecrins - Saint-Martin-de-Queyrières



alentours de Bouchier (© OT Pays des Ecrins - Rogier van Rijn)



A stage that gradually leaves the Durance behind to press on further into the Vallouise valley, constantly overlooked by the Montbrison massif.

Hemmed in by the Montbrison massif, as you round a bend in the path you come face to face with the Vallouise valley and the delights in store over the coming days: the village of Vallouise, the Ailefroide valley dominated by Mont Pelvoux, the resort of Puy-St-Vincent, the Col de la Pusterle and more besides...

Useful information

Practice : By walk

Duration : 3 h 30

Length : 11.6 km

Trek ascent : 411 m

Difficulty : Medium

Type : Stage

Themes : History and architecture, Panorama, Top

Trek

Departure : Bouchier

Arrival : Downtown Vallouise

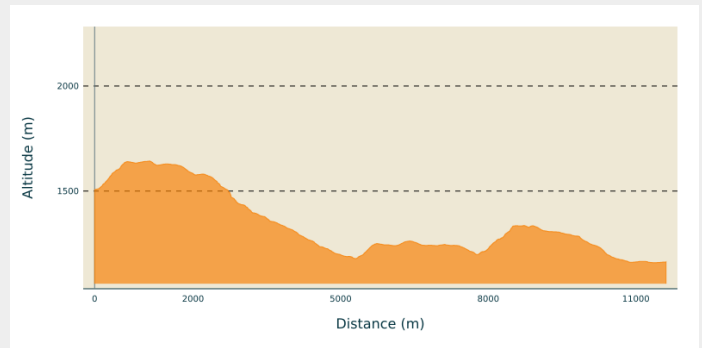
Markings :  PR  GR

Cities : 1. Saint-Martin-de-Queyrières

2. Les Vigneaux

3. Vallouise-Pelvoux

Altimetric profile



Min elevation 1160 m Max elevation 1644 m

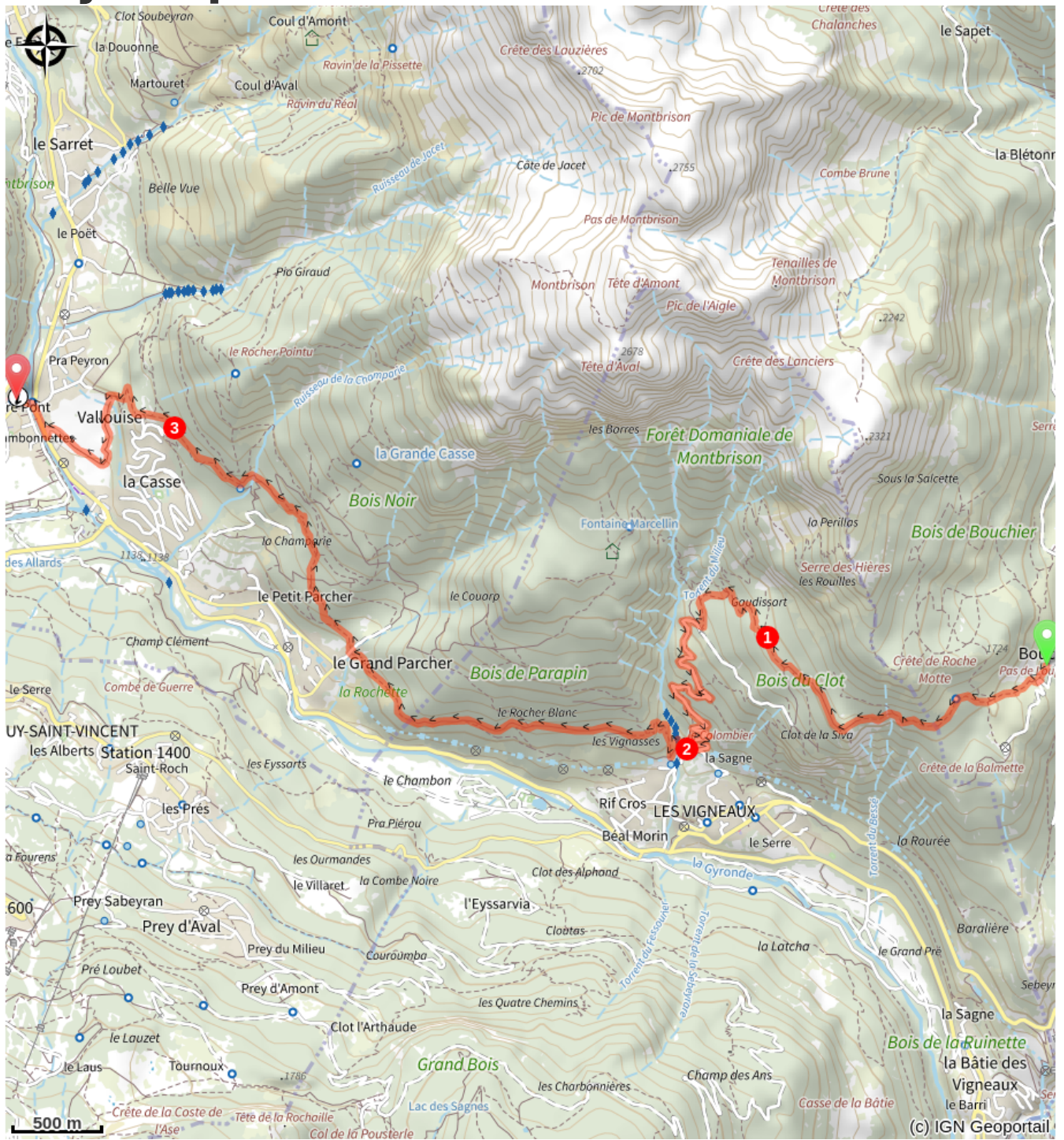
As you set off from the car park in Bouchier, leave the track leading to the Gîte le Pas du Loup on your left and take the small path that rises through the base of the valley over a terrain of large boulders. At the first fork, continue straight on. A few metres further on (GR waymark) follow the sign to Bois du Clot. The path climbs up to a spring (large boulder) and then follows the contour line. The path, which turns into a track, is rather vertiginous in places. At the next intersection, head towards Rocher les Rouilles.

1. From here, leave the balcony path to start the descent down to Les Vigneaux. At subsequent intersections, follow the downhill path (Les Vigneaux) (GR waymark). When you reach Barthalay (DFCI (forest fire defence agency) tanks), take the track on the right (Les Vigneaux) following its twists and turns until you come to an intersection with a sign to Les Parchers. Follow this sign and ford the Rif Cros mountain stream.

2. The route sets off northward towards Vallouise. After the mountain stream, take a path on the right (Les Parchers). You come to a track on the left, which you follow. At the intersection 50 metres beyond a hairpin bend, take the path on the left (Les Parchers). The track turns into a path with a superb view over the valley. When you reach Le Parcher, follow the paved road uphill (Bois Noir) for a few metres and then bear left towards a charming building with wooden balconies. Pass below the building and follow the path which runs uphill to the left of the building. Follow the steep narrow path, continuing straight ahead until you reach 1,320 metres altitude where you come to an old irrigation ditch which you follow left. At the next intersection (hairpin), take the track leading to the left (Vallouise). When you reach the gate, take the uphill path, ford the Champarie stream and then take a small path running downhill to the left (Vallouise).

3. From here, continue downhill to the La Casse housing estate and Vallouise. At the next intersection, head towards Vallouise. When you come to the houses, take a small path that runs below a house. Before the pylon, turn right towards a large meadow down the hill. You come to a wide path which you follow right for a few metres, then take a path on the left that leads to the large meadow. You follow this path, which turns into a track, which takes you through the meadows to the cemetery and on to the centre of Vallouise.

On your path...



All useful information

Advices

Just after leaving Bouchier, there is a short vertiginous section but it does not present any real difficulty.

Two ford crossings (Torrent de Rif Cross and Champarie stream); exercise caution in stormy weather.

Environmental sensitive areas

Along your trek, you will go through sensitive areas related to the presence of a specific species or environment. In these areas, an appropriate behaviour allows to contribute to their preservation. For detailed information, specific forms are accessible for each area.

Short-toed snake eagle

Sensitivity period: March, April, May, June, July, August, September

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Nidification du Circaète-Jean-le-Blanc

Les pratiques qui peuvent avoir une interaction avec le Circaète-Jean-le-Blanc en période de nidification sont principalement les pratiques aériennes comme le vol libre ou le vol motorisé.

Merci d'essayer d'éviter la zone ou de rester à une distance minimale de 300m sol quand vous la survolez soit 1790m d'altitude !

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